



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Application No.: 10/664,831

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Title: BRAKE CABLE CONNECTING APPARATUS FOR DRUM BRAKE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS REQUIREMENT

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Assistant Commissioner:

In the Office Action mailed 04/05/2004 the Examiner stated that Applicant had set forth claims 1-6 that disclosed a plurality of patentably distinct species comprising Species I, figures 1-6; Species II, figures 7-9; and Species III, figures 10-12. In response to the election/restrictions requirement of 04/05/2004, Applicant hereby elects Species I, figures 1-6, claims 1,2,4 and 5 in an effort to advance prosecution in the present application.

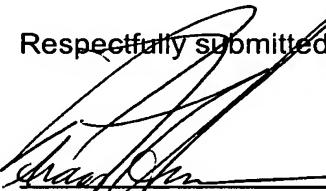
Although the Examiner did not state there was any generic claim, Applicant submits that claim 1 is generic because the limitation, i.e., "a resilient member is provided on a rotating trajectory of said brake lever relative to said strut," should be generic to the remaining claims. Therefore, if

claim 1 is to be allowed all of the claims dependent on claim 1 should also be allowed.

Applicant believes that this communication is intended to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. No new matter has been added.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment with respect to this paper and or this application to Apex Juris Deposit Account No. 50-2069. Should Examiner believe further discussion regarding the above claimed language would expedite prosecution they are invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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